



INTERNATIONAL  
**WILDLIFE**  
COEXISTENCE  
NETWORK

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**REPORT**



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## Coexisting with Wildlife and Wild Places is Key to Our Own Survival

2023 was the hottest year on record. Earth's average land and ocean surface temperature was 2.12 degrees F/1.18 degrees C which is the highest global temperature among all years from 1850-2023 climate record. We also learned in 2023 that the global-scale decline of animal biodiversity is one of the most alarming consequences of human impacts on the planet: nearly half of all the world's species are declining. For example, just in my lifetime alone, 3 billion birds have been lost in North America, a drop of 25 percent of birds just since the 1970s. Nearly 2/3s of all wildlife populations are declining at rates never seen since humans first walked our planet.

What is behind it all? The exponential growth of humans and livestock across our planet that started 12,000 years ago with the domestication of livestock for food is a major driving factor. As human populations increased, we replaced wild places and wildlife with our domestic livestock and urban expansion. Agricultural practices changed Earth's land mammal biomass resulting in less than 5% remaining of all wild mammals combined.

We are clearly at the Ecological Crossroads. The good news is there is another path forward that restores our relationship with Nature and returns balance to our planet. It is core to our mission to create the world that we want. In fact, it is already well underway and led by indigenous peoples who constitute only 5% of the world's population but protect 80% of the planet's biodiversity. The International Wildlife Coexistence Network embraces indigenous leadership to help guide our programs and resources. We welcome this leadership especially now at a time when our planet needs it the most. And we believe in empowering youth to become the best leaders they can be. We are deeply inspired in hopes of what we will accomplish together in 2024.



For the Wild Ones,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Asha Stone'.

Suzanne Asha Stone  
Executive Director  
International Wildlife Coexistence Network

# Who we are

The International Wildlife Coexistence Network is an inclusive organization of experts in methods and strategies to transform conflicts between people and wildlife into long term solutions. We mobilize interdisciplinary teams through crowdsourcing to create new solutions to chronic or "wicked" problems between people and wildlife. And we work with the community to ensure that these solutions create lasting benefits to both the natural world and the people who live with wildlife.

We share our resources and provide widespread support for all who seek to peacefully resolve conflicts with wildlife. Our interdisciplinary teams include scientists, agricultural managers, researchers, ethicists, economists, government specialists, educators, indigenous leaders, technical engineers and more working to create new and sustainable ways to live with wildlife. When possible, we connect our experts with communities that need help transforming wildlife conflicts into non-violent sustainable solutions.

*IWCN has been inspirational from the start, from their first conference last year, to the support the council offers to everyone who is trying to aid the coexistence cause. I am so glad that I have gotten to work with the individuals who run the organization, who definitely make you feel warm and welcomed, and are so eager to help your goals for the coexistence cause. Cheers to a wonderful organization and the MASSIVE difference IWCN is making!*

Dr. Radhika Makecha

*IWCN is great. They're genuinely interested in empowering youth and have helped Timberline High School's environmental club (TREE Club) advocate for wolves in ways we've never done before. We're super grateful for everything they've done for us and all animals worldwide.*

Michel Liao



# 2023 Major Milestones

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## STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS RELATIONSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

This included meeting with thirty one indigenous tribes across nine western states to pursue new legislation for wolves, bison, and grizzly bears.

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## LAUNCHED "FOR THE WILD ONES" NEW PODCAST SERIES!

Produced 11 episodes with wildlife experts exploring coexisting with Nature. Our series expanded across 15 countries with over 1,200 listeners in the first few months!

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## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS IN HONOR OF OUR WORK!

IWCN received the Platinum Badge as a Top-Rated Nonprofit on Guidestar and the 2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit badge on the Great Nonprofits platform.

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## HOSTED QUARTERLY INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TEACHING COEXISTING WITH WILDLIFE

From coexisting with wild cats to wolves, and innovative creative conservation, advocates worldwide joined top wildlife leaders on our team and partnering NGOs.

## SERVING ON USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ADVOCATE NONLETHAL PROGRAMS FOR WILDLIFE

Our request for more funding nonlethal coexistence efforts was included in recommendations to US Agriculture Secretary Vilsack.

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## CHAired THE NATIONAL GENIUS PRIZE AWARD COMMITTEE TO REDUCE CONFLICT WITH WILDLIFE

The 2023 awards included new technology to save millions of sea turtles, dolphin, rays, and sharks; new programs to advance song bird conservation; and new resources for all pollinators.

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## PRESENTED AT MAJOR CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Presented at the University of Oxford's IUCN International Conference on Human-Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence, Jackson Wild Film Festival, Society for Environmental Journalism Conference, Osher Institute, Sunfest, and more.

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## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE GENERATION OF WILDLIFE LEADERS

Initiatives included Teens Restoring Earth's Environment students speaking out for wolves in Idaho at public hearings and connecting with Nez Perce leaders to help with wolf and grizzly protection.

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# 2023 Coexistence Highlights

## You helped us protect hundreds of Idaho wolves from a private contractor aerial gunning scheme!

We stopped Idaho wolf packs from being killed through an aerial gunning scheme by a private out of state contractor. The Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board quickly reversed this decision after IWCN provided evidence that ranchers listed in the aerial gunning proposals had never agreed to these schemes.



## Your donations helped us deliver wildcats coexistence booklets to 1,000 students!

In partnership with Animal Karma Foundation, you helped us raise funds for the delivery of educational booklets on coexisting with jaguar and other native species in Calakmul Mexico. The region is one of the last major refuges for jaguar and other wildcats in southern Mexico!

## You Replaced an Antiwolf Billboard!

In partnership with Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment, a Nez Perce indigenous wildlife organization, your funding replaced a billboard paid for by trappers and bounty hunters on route US-12 in Lewiston, Idaho that shared a negative message about "managing" wolves in the state. The new billboard instead raises awareness of the persecution of wolves in Idaho and threats to endangered grizzly bears!



## You sent Foxlights to South Africa to help Rhinos, Pangolin, Leopards, Elephant and other endangered wildlife and to Argentina to protect Puma threatened by conflicts with livestock. IWCN also assisted in DNA research to help leopard conservation in South Africa!

We shared our support with groups working on the frontlines of wildlife protection to help communities sustainably coexist with wildlife. Your donations make this possible! THANK YOU!

## IWCN partnered with numerous organizations in 2023 including:



**“IWCN FILLS A KEY ROLE TO CONNECT PRACTITIONERS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN WILDLIFE COEXISTENCE EFFORTS.”**

### Wood River Wolf Project Celebrates 16th Successful Field Season!

The Wood River Wolf Project celebrated one of its most successful years since it began in 2008. IWCN is the project's fiscal manager and IWCN's director Suzanne Asha Stone is the Project supervisor and co-founder. Through the integration of nonlethal deterrents and strategies, the Project helped maintain losses of less than five sheep from 20,000+ annually and only two wolves in total since 2008 across the 1,200 sq. km project area. It remains the best record of wolf and sheep coexistence in Idaho and across the western USA!



Wood River Wolf Project Field Manager Maxwell McDaniel and Project Mentor Carter Niemeyer: Credit S Stone

- Combined days in the 2023 field season: 212
- Sheep in Project Area: 24,400 total (8,400 ewes, 16,000 lambs)
- Sheep Loss to Wolves in Project Area: 0 confirmed, 2 possible
- Loss of Wolves due to Livestock Conflicts: 0 confirmed
- Equipment provided to herders: Foxlights, Livestock guardian dog protection collars, airhorns, high beam spotlights, hand lamps, jackets, and other essentials.



# IWCN Team



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Executive Director  
& Board President



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# International Coexistence Council

Dozens of the world's top leaders in wildlife conservation from **Canada**, **USA**, **Africa**, **Nepal**, **India**, **Kenya**, **Spain**, **UK**, and **Australia**.





# 2023 Board of Directors



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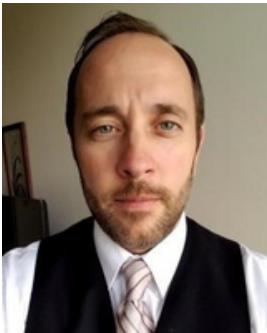
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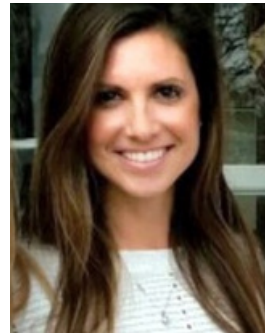
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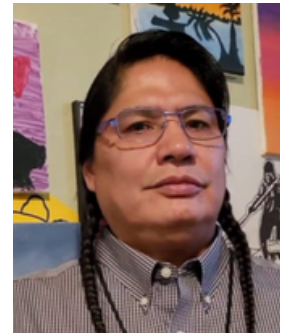
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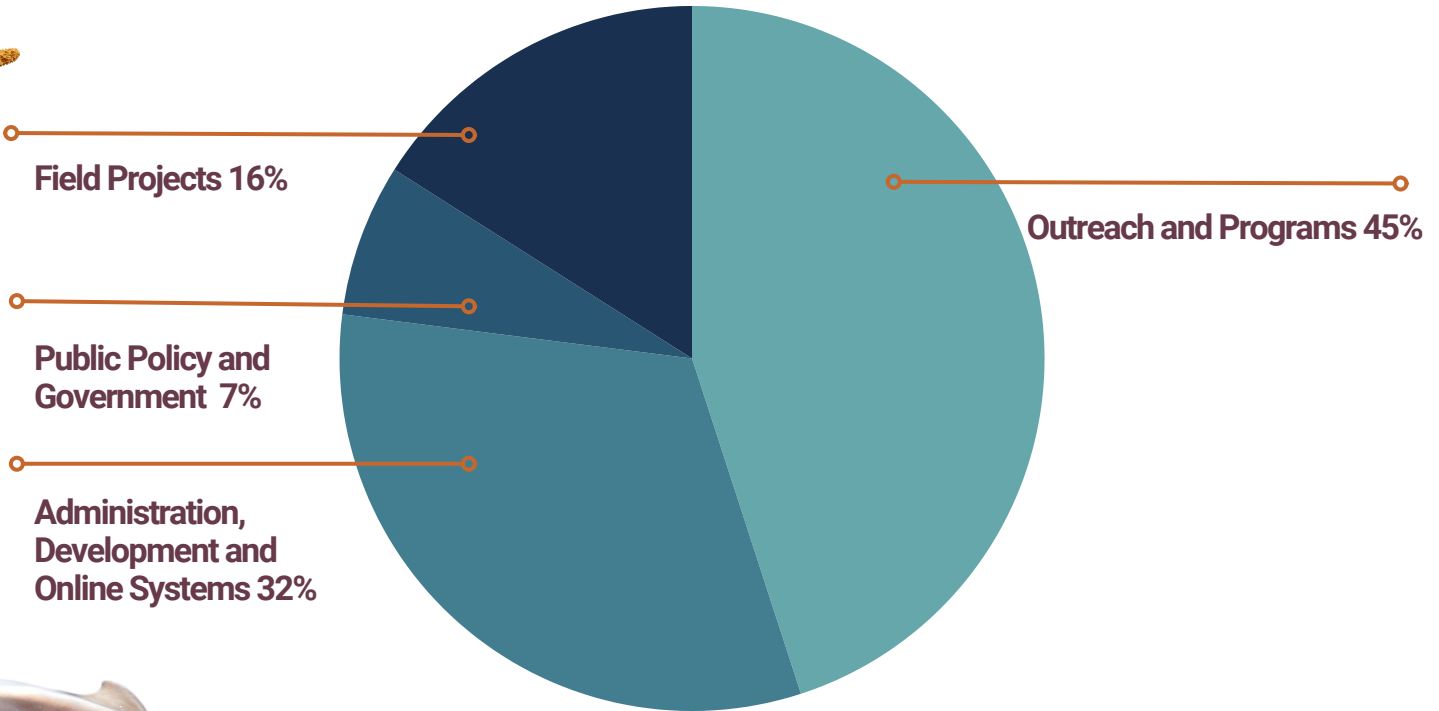


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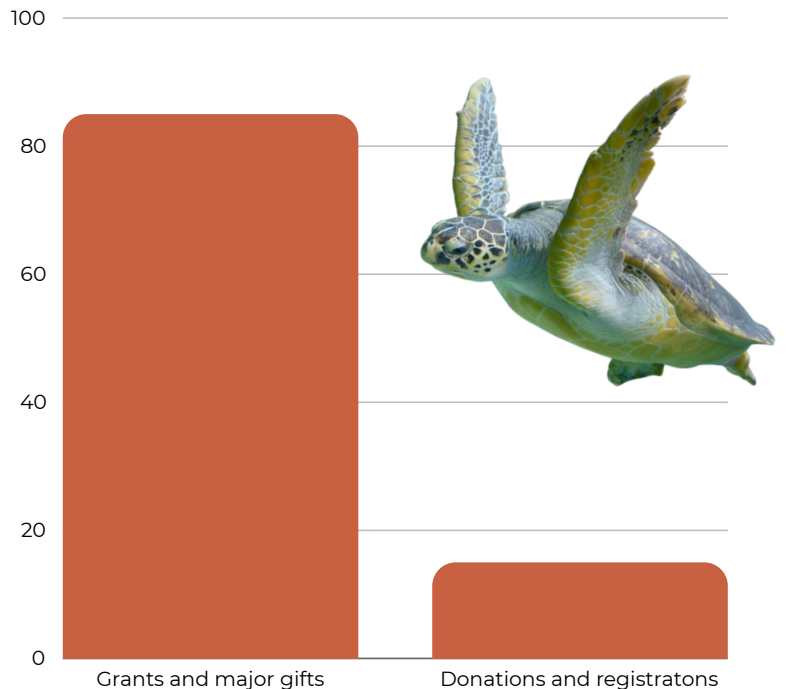




# Where did your 2023 donations go?



**IWCN raised \$730,000 in 2023. Of this, 92% was donated through grants and major gifts. The remaining 8% was given through online donations, registrations, auction, and personal contributions.**





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*IWCN is a not-for-profit organization that depends entirely on private donations and grants to do our work. Thank you to our grant and foundation supporters!*

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To donate

**Your financial support is key to our success helping imperiled wildlife around the world by transforming our relationship with Nature. With careful planning, both wildlife and humans can thrive.**

